development of High Quality Social Sciences Capabilities as in the case of S&T. However, disparity exists in various universities in respect of appropriate academic and other support structure as well as diversity of teachers. Disparities in the standard of education in universities is attributed to a large number of critical factors including the age of the university, quality of curricula, teaching work force, evaluation techniques, resources, governance, leadership, accountability, geographical location etc.

The budget allocation in respect of the important National level Research Councils/Institute of Social Sciences, engaged in research related to Social Sciences, during the last five years is Rs. 19,306.49 lakhs. The budget allocation for NTs during the last five years, is Rs. 2,53,551.00 lakhs.

Railway crossings on National Highways

*277. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:
PROF. M.M. AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway crossings in different parts of the country on National Highways, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have taken any measure to build under/over bridges on these Highways; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (c) As per extant rules, Construction of Road Over/Under Bridges is undertaken in lieu of busy level crossing having Train Vehicle Units (TVUs) more than 1 lakh on Cost Sharing basis by Railways with State Govt./ Road Authorities, provided a proposal is sponsored by State Government agreeing to share the cost and also accept the other standard stipulations such as closure of Level Crossing on commissioning of Road Over/Under Bridge (ROB/RUB), advance action for land acquisition, inclusion of work in respective State Govt./Road Authority's annual plan taking up of work on approaches simultaneously etc. The number of level crossings on National Highway, No. of sanctioned works of ROB/RUBs, State-wise, are also indicated in table below. For balance level crossings eligible for . replacement by ROB/RUBs as per norms, Railways are pursuing the

matter with State Govts./Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MRT&H) to sponsor proposals.

Details of Level Crossings and Works of Road Over/Under Bridges sanctioned in lieu of Level Crossings on National Highways

Sl. No.	States	No. of Level Crossings on National Highways	No. of Level Crossings having TVUs more than 1 lakh on National Highways	Works Sanctioned for construction of ROB/RUB across Level Crossings on National Highways		
				Works sanctioned on Cost on Sharing basis	Works sanctioned Deposit/ EOT* basis etc.	Total No. of works sanctioned for Construction of ROB/ RUBs
1.	Andhra Pradesh	38	24	4	7	11
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	-
3.	Assam	37	7	-	5	5
4.	Bihar	36	18	14	1	15
5.	Chhattisgarh	13	5	2	-	2
6.	Delhi	2	1	-	-	-
7.	Goa	-	-	-	-	-
8.	Gujarat	23	15	-	4	4
9.	Haryana	11	3	2	-	2
10.	Himachal Pradesh	2	1	-	-	-
11.	Jharkhand	15	4	4	0	4
12.	Karnataka	30	13	9	2	11
13.	Kerala	15	11	8	-	8
14.	Madhya Pradesh	21	12	-	1	1
15.	Maharashtra	20	11	1	3	4
16.	Manipur	1	-	-	-	-
17.	Meghalaya	-	-	-	-	-
18.	Mizoram	-	-	-	-	-
19.	Nagaland	-	-	-	-	-
20.	Orissa	7	5	-	2	2
21.	Punjab	30	22	1	-	1
22.	Rajasthan	42	20	3	4	7
23.	Sikkim	-	-	-	-	-
24.	Tamil Nadu	57	22	3	9	12
25.	Tripura	-	-	-	-	-
26.	Uttar Pradesh	68	48	6	4	10
27.	Uttaranchal	-	-	-	-	-
28.	West Bengal	104	23	4	1	5
	TOTAL	572	265	61	43	104

*BOT-Build, Operate, Transfer.